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Ministers of War Part II

By LT Brett Cartwright, Command Chaplain

The following excerpt continues the presentation of Rod Dreher's March 2003 article "Minister's of War" in the *National Review*. The article discusses the role of the Military Chaplain in ministering to the American Warrior.

"Kent went to Bosnia a devout Catholic, but nothing they taught him in catechism class back in Michigan prepared him for that moldy barn in Kravica."

"When evil of this magnitude is encountered, simple piety is not enough," Kent says today, from his home in northern Virginia. "Why does a God who has protected me, a soldier, through dangers large and small - where was He when the men murdered in this warehouse screamed for His mercy? Why has He allowed genocide?"

It is at this point, when the cruelty that a soldier has witnessed threatens to overwhelm his understanding and devour his soul, that he may go in search of a chaplain. Dave Peterson, a Presbyterian minister and retired Army colonel who served as a top chaplain in Operation Desert Storm, says the gruesome slaughter of fleeing Iraqi troops on the so-called "highway of death" back to Baghdad devastated many Americans who fought in that battle. "We had chaplains talking to some of those troops for a significant amount of time after the fact," Peterson says.

The nearly 1,400 chaplains in the U.S. armed forces must be on-the-spot counselors to men and women living through a kind of trauma that few civilians will ever experience. They prepare soldiers to kill and to die without losing their souls. They help soldiers re-integrate into the lives of their families.

And, most important, on the battlefield they serve as a sign of the presence of the just and good God in the midst of hell on earth. Chaplains work on or very close to the front, and do so unarmed. A chaplain's importance to the morale of combat soldiers is so central that if his courage falters during fighting, commanders must immediately replace him, or risk the collapse of the entire unit. The things soldiers in combat are asked to do and to suffer are so extreme that, in many cases, only a belief that God is with them enables them to endure.

IKE's Chaplain's are here to remind you of these facts and other important realities. ★

Job Advertising and Selection System

By NCCS(AW/SW) Keith Turner, Command Career Counselor

"When do the JASS Reqs open up Senior Chief?"

This is a common question I hear when transiting around the ship and FAF. Job Advertising and Selection System, better known as JASS, allows Sailors to view and apply for orders that are available under the current job requisition system. JASS Requisitions normally come out in two-week cycles. During the first week Sailors may view and apply for jobs before the requisitions close out. The second week of the cycle is the time set aside for detailers to make picks on personnel that have applied for jobs via JASS. The following is a list of the upcoming "open" times for JASS requisitions:

11 June – 17 June 2003
25 June – 1 July 2003
9 July – 15 July 2003
23 July – 30 July 2003
6 August – 12 August 2003
27 August – 2 September 2003
10 September – 16 September 2003
24 September – 30 September 2003

The process for applying is simple. Your Career Counselor needs just three things from you. (1) Your SSN (2) Your job selections picks, up to 5 and (3) Your signature. JASS request forms are available through your Department and Command Career Counselor. The CCC Office posts both jobs submitted and selection results on their CCC Read Board located outside of room # 220 on the FAF. ★



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THE NATION'S GAME

By JO2(AW/SW) Steve Woolverton and JOSN Michael Perez
Photos by PHAN Kyle O'Neil

The 2002 Military World Series was held in Pensacola, Fla. Out of all the softball teams in all of the services, only 17 traveled to the Florida Panhandle to compete in the games. IKE's softball team was among them. They took on the best teams the military had to offer, and came back from that trip having beaten 10 of those teams.

This year, with the success of making it to the Military World Series behind them, IKE's softball team is setting its sights higher.

"We're trying to win the Military World Series," said EMCS (AW/SW) Robert Rook, LCPO for RA division and coach for the IKE softball team.

To help Rook get the team to their goal are five returning veterans, a host of talented new players, and a heavy hitter, MMC (SW) Duane "Buffy" Grube, who got his nickname because he likes to work out. Apparently being "buff" helps. Grube currently leads the team in home-runs with six at the time of this writing.

This year they'll be heading north for the Military World Series, which is being held at Walter Reed, and according to Coach Rook, their biggest obstacles won't be on the road or the diamond.

"There's no E-1 or O-5. Just teammates."

"Our biggest obstacle is getting all the players on the field for practices and games, said Rook. "It's difficult in the yards, because we have to juggle everybody's schedules."

Between the various working hours, opportunities for volunteer activities and continued education, it can also be difficult for IKE Sailors to get to the softball games, but coach Rook and the players would love to have their shipmates cheer them on the road to Walter Reed.

"We hope to get a lot of support from our shipmates. We have triple-headers every Tuesday at DNS piers field on NOB," said Rook.

The season began on May 6, and is scheduled to end mid-July, but many games scheduled for May were called due to rain. The team continues to practice and enjoy America's favorite pastime.

"We get out here and have fun," said LCDR Trent Demoss. "It's great to get a bunch of guys together and blow off some steam."

On the field IKE Sailors from different parts of the ship come together as a different kind of team, with a different kind of mission.

"Everyone here is a part of this team. There's no E-1 or O-5, just teammates," said Demoss. ★





A New Era

IKE XO commemorates first space turn over

Marking a new era for *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)*, CDR Patrick Hall cut two ribbons Monday at 11 a.m.

"Thanks for all the hard work in getting this space ready," said Hall, IKE's executive officer.

The first space to be completed and turned back over to IKE was an Operations Department berthing.

"I'm proud of the very good work that they've done," said Ken McGarvey, the Supervising team leader for these two spaces.

The second space to be turned over is a head that now belongs to Air Department.

The contractor, George C. Sharpe, led the work on completing these spaces for turn-over, the first of many on IKE's path to sailing out of the yards combat ready.

"It really helps that you checked up behind yourselves and QA'd your work," said Hall.

Upcoming turnovers will not be accompanied by ribbon cuttings and cakes, but each space gets IKE closer to being haze gray and underway.

— JO2(AW/SW)
Steve Woolverton



IKE INFORMATION

Coming soon to CVN 69 ...

CLEAN THE BAY DAY — The 15th annual Clean the Bay Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. Volunteers are needed to clean up trash from shorelines and tributaries and record valuable data on the types and amount of trash collected. These efforts not only foster a cleaner environment but also provide information to help officials find ways to prevent future pollution. Commands are encouraged to make "Clean the Bay Day" a command event. ★

SMOKING CESSATION — Do you want to start the summer out by not smoking? Your Medical Department is now offering smoking cessation classes on the FAF. If you would like more information or would like to sign up for the class please contact LT Thompson, Ship's Nurse at 534-1531. Class will begin June 25, in FAF classroom 3 and will be limited to 15 Sailors. ★

COMMAND EVENTS

IKE has three major command events coming soon which are sure to be enjoyable for the crew and families.

Tides Day at Harbor Park is scheduled for June 19. The cost of this event is \$2 for IKE Sailors and dependents and \$4 for non-dependant guests.

Kings Dominion Day is scheduled for July 23. The cost of this event is \$15 for adults and \$13 for children ages 3

through 12. This price includes admission plus parking.

Busch Gardens Day is scheduled for August 15. The cost of this event is free if you utilize your one-day free pass from Anheiser Busch.



Nature's

FURY

By

JOSN Michael Perez

Hurricanes are among the most destructive forces on the planet. Considering that *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)* is in an area where hurricanes hit, what can IKE's crew do to prepare for such an instance?

Fortunately, IKE is prepared for just about everything. According to IKE's Destructive Weather Plan (IKEINST 3140.2B), there are a series of checklists to make sure the crew will be prepared if a hurricane hits.

According to LCDR Paul Lawler, IKE's assistant navigator, there is a board currently working on a new instruction for IKE's new location pier side. Even though the ship is no longer dry-docked, according to Lawler it's still a cold plant and is unable to get under-way.

"The only thing the ship can really do if a hurricane hits is add additional storm lines and ride the storm out," said Lawler.

There are things, however, the crew can do before a hurricane hits. Along with checklists for each department there is a generic checklist attached to the Destructive Weather Instruction.

"As we get closer to hurricane condition five, we identify Alpha personnel to stay with the ship during the storm," said Lawler.

Personal who are on duty the day the hurricane hits will be designated Alpha personnel. They're notified before hand so they may prepare their homes and families for the storm. They will report to the ship 24 hours before the storm hits, and they will stay with the ship for up to 72 hours.

Preparations will continue right up to the arrival of the storm, by which time the RHIBs (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats) are secured and, if necessary, the FAF is closed with duty section personnel moved to the ship. Plans have also been made to coordinate with the shipyard to minimize the danger of flying tools, machinery and scrap metals.

"We can't expect everything to be tied down, but every little bit helps," said Lawler.

In the event that the duty section needs to be moved onboard the ship for safety reasons, several things need to be done prior to the move.

"The ship is a much safer place to be than the FAF during any kind of sever weather. We'd want the crew protected by the steel hull if we felt there was any danger," said Lawler. "To prepare for this move, each department has it's own checklist of things to do. Portable heads will be brought into the hanger bay and tons of fresh water and bag lunches will be brought onboard in case of an extended stay onboard. MWR will also provide cards and board games at that point."

For those personnel not required to report to the ship, there is a checklist and evacuation plan attached to the instruction. Personnel should print out a copy of the personal hurricane safety checklist to help them prepare for the storm.

"Everyone needs to think ahead of time," said Lawler.

According to Lawler, personal evacuation plans should be filled out

- Know if you live in an evacuation area. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Have a written plan based on this knowledge.

- At the beginning of hurricane season (June 1st), check your supplies, replace batteries and use food stocks on a rotating basis.

- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio.

- If a storm threatens, heed the advice from local authorities. Evacuate if ordered.

- Execute your family plan.
- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family.

- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard.

- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet.

- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.

- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.

- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.

- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.



Photo courtesy of www.gsfc.nasa.gov

and turned into each Sailor's division.

"It's important that people have a plan in case they have to protect their homes or even evacuate. We've included a list of recommended supplies and things you can do to protect your home if a hurricane is going to hit. Plus we've identified places in Hampton Roads that have had problems with severe damage and flooding during previous storms," said Lawler.

To find out more information about IKEINST 3140.2B, go to public folders in Microsoft Outlook and look under admin, instructions and notes. For more information on what you can do to prepare your home and family for severe weather, call the Red Cross at 446-7745 south side and 838-7320 on Peninsula. ★

What's Going On?

FRIDAY

The Beach Party at Duck-In featuring the Mike Proffitt Band

5 p.m.
Duck-In

Shore Dr. at Lynnhaven Inlet
Virginia Beach

The Beach Party is back! Come by after work
for friends, food, and great music.
Contact: Bill Miller 481-0201

48th Annual Boardwalk Art Show

Oceanfront - 18th street to 31st street
2000 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily all weekend long
Contact: <http://www.cacv.org/bw.html>

SATURDAY

Beyond - in Concert

8 - 11p.m.

The NorVa

317 Monticello Avenue

Norfolk VA 23510

622-9877

\$10

It's here! BEYOND's new CD is finished and
they are releasing it June 14th at The NorVa!
Come dance to the sounds of BEYOND! This
dynamic band will get you moving with its
unique blend of dance rhythms mixed with a
Latin flavor. Don't miss the party!
Contact: Chris Loftis 735-3771

SUNDAY

Brooks & Dunn Neon Circus & Wild West Show

Verizon Wireless Virginia
Beach Amphitheater
3550 Cellar Door Way
Virginia Beach VA 23456
Phone: 757-368-3000

Harleys for Hogs

Noon

Virginia Zoo

3500 Granby Street

Norfolk VA 23504

757-624-9937

\$5 - 10

Harley ride from Southside Harley to the
Virginia Zoo, followed by a concert
with performing artist, "Blue Lords."
All proceeds benefit the Virginia Zoo.



MORE JAZZFEST TICKETS!

We have purchased more tickets for Jazzfest
for Thursday, June 26 (cost \$40); Friday,
June 27, (cost \$32); and Sunday, June 29,
(cost \$32). Available while supplies last!

Virginia Renaissance Faire

Go back in time to the days of Elizabeth of England as she tours the Commonwealth named in her honor. The Virginia Renaissance Faire brings you magicians and jugglers, brave knights on horseback, music, dancing and Her Majesty's coursing hounds. Enjoy the wonderful wares in the merchant and artisan shops while feasting on a turkey leg. There are plays, games and stories for children of all ages. Don't miss Queen Elizabeth, her glittering court and all the merry folk of Staffordshire in 1577.

Tour Schedule:

May 31 - June 1

June 7 - 8

June 14 - 15

Saturdays & Sundays from 10am-6pm

Virginia Bazaar, Ladysmith, VA

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DIRECTIONS TO LADYSMITH:

Take 64 WEST toward RICHMOND; Bear RIGHT onto RAMP to I-295 (NORTH-WEST) toward Washington DC; Follow as road goes into I-295 (NORTH-WEST); continue onto RAMP to I 95 (NORTH); Follow as road goes into I 95 (NORTH); I-95 NORTH to EXIT 110 EAST onto LADYSMITH ROAD. Entrance to the VA Bazaar is on the RIGHT.

Ticket Prices:

\$14.50 for adults

\$9.50 for children 5-15 and seniors 62+

(\$2 off for patrons in garb, and active duty military)



Whatever it takes

Soccer team vows to bring home top honors

By JOSN Benjamin Jarvela

Deemed by many to be the most tiring and physically demanding sport out there, soccer has been the single most popular professional sport in the world for generations. While it has never had quite the prestige in the U.S. that it has enjoyed in Europe or South America, it has, for the last few decades, been rising in popularity and participation. Given the often world-spanning careers of many Sailors in today's Navy, it should come as no surprise that soccer is one of the most prevalent sports in today's military community.

Command soccer teams can be found throughout the military establishment, and *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)* is no exception. Captained by ABE2 Steven Hill and CTO1 Jason Lorinczy, the IKE team currently boasts a six-and-one record for the season so far, with plans to take things all the way to the top.

"To be honest, we're the best team in the league," said Lorinczy, a 20-year veteran of the sport and native of Hapelock, N.C. "We took the trophy home two years ago, and we're taking it home again this year.

This league is a competitive one – everyone values a win. But we're going to be the ones coming out on top this time around."

The 19-Sailor IKE team is currently competing in a 12-week season that sees an average of two games per week. Balancing that, a practice schedule, and the never-ending workload expected by any Sailor can be a bit tricky, although both players agree that they can and do make it happen.

"We practice during the week if there's only one game, but we have to pay attention to when our next game is," said Hill, a native of Toledo, Ohio. "Every time we play a game it's 45 minutes of running, a ten-minute break, and then 45 more minutes of running. We do what we can. We're even better than we were two years ago, and now we're out to prove it."

Lorinczy was quick to add that the command has been very supportive of the team, allowing the Sailors to flex their work and duty schedules around games when needed.

While both Sailors have years of experience in the game behind them, they also mentioned that the team is open to any IKE Sailor, as long as they come in with the right mental attitude.

"Just come out with an open mind," said Lorinczy. "We get new people once in awhile who think they're going to come out right away and be the star, playing every minute of every game. It doesn't always work like that."

"This is a team game," continued Hill, "and we need to play it as a team."

With such high expectations of themselves and their team members,

Balancing the game and a work schedule can be a bit tricky.

it's easy to pause when you look at the lofty goals the players have set before them. According to Lorinczy though, the IKE soccer team is quite capable of attaining its goals and much more.

"Our coach [AS2 Luis Munoz] is really dedicated to the team," he said. "The level of competition out there has really gone up in the last few years, and he's right there, sacrificing of himself, to make

sure that we get the job done and play the absolute best we can. He's really done a lot for this team."

"A lot of this game is consistency," added Hill. "We've all been playing together as a team for awhile now, and we're starting to get really good at reading each other and predicting what we're going to be doing next. Getting almost telepathic about each other is one of the best things we can do to improve as a team."

Determined to bring the league championship trophy back to the Mighty IKE, the command soccer team heads into the rest of the season confident of themselves, teammates, and leadership. With future plans ranging from a try-out on the All Navy Soccer Team to civilian men's leagues, the team heads into the rest of the season prepared to show their ship and the rest of the league just why they're the best there is at the world's most popular game. ★



Photo courtesy of IKE Photo Lab

CNP TO SAILORS: "YOUR OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND"

GREAT LAKES, III. (NNS) — The Navy's newest Sailors "have abounding opportunities ahead of them," as they prepare to serve in the fleet.

That was the message delivered by Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing during an address to graduating recruits at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes recently.

"Always do the best job you can in the job you are in," said Hoewing, "because the opportunities of the future are based on the performance of the past. The last nine weeks have been difficult and challenging, but you have succeeded in ways you could not imagine when you came to boot camp."

CNP also spoke of the success of several of the Navy's new personnel initiatives, such as Perform to Serve, and provided insight on efforts to shape the force for the future.

"The Navy today is as ready as it has ever been. We have nearly half of our ships, more than 120, and 50,000 Sailors still forward-deployed right now, doing the nation's work, and every battle group and amphibious ready group is manned at or above 98 percent," Hoewing said.

"We have never enjoyed that kind of manning success before. While we have the best Sailors the Navy has ever seen, our skill mix could be better," he said.

Hoewing also said the Navy's new Perform to Serve initiative is working to achieve its goal of easing crowded ratings and shaping the force.

"Shaping the force means developing personnel programs and policies that strengthen combat readiness, while still fostering the growth and development of our Sailors," Hoewing said.

Shaping the force includes several closely linked programs and initiatives, including:

- **Perform to Serve.** Perform to Serve is an essential vehicle to ease crowding in many of the Navy's skills and move these talented Sailors to undermanned skills. "In a word, Perform to Serve is working," Hoewing said. "We have approved more than 2,000 Sailors to reenlist in rate and another 600 to convert to undermanned ratings."

- **Selective Reenlistment Bonuses (SRBs).** SRBs continue to be a valuable resource encouraging Sailors to work and stay in certain critical skills and ratings. "The program is fully funded through the fiscal year," Hoewing said. "We will update award levels soon to make sure we are offering SRBs for the skills the fleet most needs."

- **Top Six.** Top Six is a plan seeking to increase the number of Sailors in the petty officer and above pay grades. Hoewing said the Navy needs to do this to match the increasingly demanding technical aspects of the Navy.

Hoewing also remarked that Sailors have more resources than ever before for them and their families to access information on personnel programs.

"As always, the chain of command, and specifically command career counselors, remain the best place to start to learn the latest information on career programs," Hoewing said.

For more information, visit www.bupers.navy.mil ★



VADM Gerald L. Hoewing, Chief of Naval Personnel, Reviewing Officer for the May 30th recruit graduation, inspects the recruit rifle drill team during the ceremony at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes. During his visit, Hoewing also visited the new barracks, USS Constitution and the physical training facility, Freedom Hall, that have recently been completed as part of a nearly \$1 billion re-capitalization project to replace barracks and training facilities at Recruit Training Command.

Photo by PH1 Michael A. Worner

NAVAL HISTORY WEEKLY



THIS WEEK

1854 — U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., holds first formal graduation exercises. Previous classes graduated without ceremony.

1896 — Authorization of first experimental ship model tank.

1943 — Operation Husky, Allied landing on Sicily.

SAILOR OF THE WEEK

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AN Michael Smith Housing Department

